

from THE CANTERBURY TALES: from THE PARDONER'S TALE

COPY MASTER

Reading Check

Directions: Recall the events in “The Pardoner’s Tale.” Then answer each question in one or two sentences.

1. What does the Pardoner mean when he says, “And thus I preach against the very vice I make my living out of—avarice”?

2. At the beginning of the Pardoner’s story, what terrible news do the three rioters hear at the tavern?

3. After leaving the tavern, the rioters meet an “old, old fellow.” What information does the old man give, them and what happens when they do as he says?

4. While the youngest rioter goes back to town for food and wine, what do the other two plan? What does the youngest rioter plan?

5. At the end of the prologue, what plan does the Host of the Inn propose to the Pilgrims?
